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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re	Chapter 11	
Nicholas Pezza	Case #16-33371 RG	

# DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE DESCRIBING THE CHAPTER 11 PLAN PROPOSED BY NICHOLAS PEZZA

PLEASE READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY. THIS
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT MAY BEAR
UPON YOUR DECISION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THIS PLAN OF
REORGANIZATION. THE PLAN PROPONENT BELIEVES THAT THIS PLAN OF
REORGANIZATION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CREDITORS AND THAT
THE PLAN IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE. THE PROPONENT URGES THAT THE
PLAN BE APPROVED.

Dated: February 16, 2018 /s/Nicholas Pezza

Debtor

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I.

#### INTRODUCTION

Nicholas Pezza is the Debtor in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

On May 10, 2017, the Debtor commenced a bankruptcy case by converting his Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition under the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Code"), 11 U.S.C. §101, et seq. Chapter 11 of the Code allows the Debtor, and under some circumstances, creditors and other parties in interest, to propose a Plan of Reorganization ("Plan"). The Plan may provide for the Debtor to reorganize by continuing to operate, to liquidate by selling assets of the estate, or a combination of both. The Debtor is the party proposing the Plan sent to you in the same envelope as this document.

THE DOCUMENT YOU ARE READING IS THE DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT FOR THE PLAN WHICH IS ANNEXED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

This is a Reorganization Plan. In other words, the Plan Proponent seeks to accomplish payments under the Plan by collecting rent, by employment, the sale of real property and the successful collection of funds due debtor from a previous partnership. All secured creditors shall continue to be paid either in the normal course in accordance with their contracts and/or based on the market value of said property. The Proponent seeks to assume all leases. All general unsecured claims shall be paid 100% of their allowed claim amount in one lump sum payment in full satisfaction of the debt.

#### A. Purpose of This Document

This Disclosure Statement summarizes what is in the Plan, and tells you certain

information relating to the Plan and the process the Court follows in determining whether or not to confirm the Plan.

### READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT:

- (1) WHO CAN VOTE OR OBJECT,
- (2) THE PROPOSED TREATMENT OF YOUR CLAIM (I.E, WHAT YOUR CLAIM WILL RECEIVE IF THE PLAN IS CONFIRMED), AND HOW THIS TREATMENT COMPARES TO WHAT YOU WOULD RECEIVE IN LIQUIDATION,
- (3) THE HISTORY OF THE DEBTOR AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE BANKRUPTCY,
- (4) WHAT THE COURT WILL CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO CONFIRM THE PLAN,
- (5) THE EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION, AND
- (6) THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PLAN.

This Disclosure Statement cannot tell you everything about your rights. You should consider consulting your own lawyer to obtain more specific advice on how this Plan will affect you and what is the best course of action for you. Be sure to read the Plan as well as the Disclosure Statement. If there are any inconsistencies between the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, the Plan provisions will govern. Code Section 1125 requires a Disclosure Statement to contain "adequate information" concerning the Plan. The term "adequate information" is defined in Code Section 1125(a) as "information of a kind, and in sufficient detail," about a Debtor and its operations "that would enable a hypothetical reasonable investor typical of holders of claims or interests" of the Debtors to make an informed judgment about accepting or rejecting the

Plan. The Bankruptcy Court" has determined that the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is adequate, and it has approved this document in accordance with Code Section 1124.

This Disclosure Statement is provided to each creditor whose claim has been scheduled by the Debtor or who have filed a proof of claim against the Debtor and to each interest holder of record as of the date of approval of this Disclosure Statement. Under the Bankruptcy Code, your acceptance of the Plan may not be solicited unless you receive a copy of this Disclosure Statement prior to or concurrently with such solicitation.

#### **B.** Confirmation Procedures

#### Persons Potentially Eligible to Vote on the Plan

In determining acceptance of the Plan, votes will only be counted if submitted by a creditor whose claim is duly scheduled by the Debtor as undisputed, non-contingent and unliquidated, or who, prior to the hearing on confirmation of the Plan, have filed with the Court a proof of claim which has not been disallowed or suspended prior to computation of the votes on the Plan. All shareholders of record as of the date of approval of this Disclosure Statement may vote on the Plan. The Ballot Form that you received does not constitute a proof of claim. If you are uncertain whether your claim has been correctly scheduled, you should check the Debtor's Schedules, which are on file at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court located at: United States Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Court House, 50 Walnut Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07102. The Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court will not provide this information by telephone.

THE COURT HAS NOT YET CONFIRMED THE PLAN

DESCRIBED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. IN OTHER

WORDS, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN ARE NOT YET BINDING ON

ANYONE. HOWEVER, IF THE COURT LATER CONFIRMS THE

PLAN, THEN THE PLAN WILL BE BINDING ON THE DEBTORS

AND ON ALL CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS IN THIS

CASE.

#### 1. Time and Place of the Confirmation Hearing

The hearing at which the Court will determine whether to confirm the Plan will take place on , at , in the Courtroom of the Honorable Judge Rosemary Gambardella, Courtroom E, 50 Walnut Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newark, New Jersey, 07102.

#### 2. Deadline For Voting For or Against the Plan

The deadline for voting on the Plan shall be five days prior to the scheduled hearing on said Disclosure Statement.

#### 3. Deadline For Objecting to the Confirmation of the Plan

Objections to the confirmation of the Plan must be filed with the Court and served upon Michael J. Cavallaro, 25 Lafayette Place, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 no later than seven days prior to the scheduled hearing date for Confirmation of said Plan.

### 4. <u>Identity of Person to Contact for More Information</u>

#### Regarding the Plan.

Any interested party desiring further information about the Plan should contact

Michael J. Cavallaro, 25 Lafayette Place, Kearny, NJ 07032.

#### C. Disclaimer

The financial data relied upon in formulating the Plan is based on information provided by the Debtor. The Information contained in this Disclosure Statement is provided by Counsel for the Debtor. The Plan Proponent represents that everything stated in the Disclosure Statement are true to the Proponents best knowledge.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APPROVAL OF THIS DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A
RULING ON THE MERITS, FEASIBILITY OR DESIRABILITY OF THE PLAN.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

#### A. Description and History of the Debtor's Business

The Debtor is an Individual Chapter 11 Case.

#### **B.** Principals/Affiliates of Debtor's Business

Nicholas Pezza, Debtor

#### C. Management of the Debtor Before and During the Bankruptcy

No Changes.

#### D. Events Leading to Chapter 11 Filing:

With the decline of the Real Estate market and wavering economy the debtor saw a dramatic decline of his monthly income. This reduction of monthly income led to an inability to maintain regular monthly mortgage and budget obligations. The Debtor filed this Bankruptcy Petition to protect his real and personal property and to allow him the ability to restructure his secured and unsecured debt.

#### E. Significant Events During the Bankruptcy

#### 1. Bankruptcy Proceedings

The following is a chronological list of significant events which have occurred during this case:

- Chapter 13 Bankruptcy case was filed by Nicholas Pezza on December 8, 2016 and then case converted to Chapter 11 on May 10, 2017.
- On May 10, 2017 a Motion for Relief from Stay was filed in regards to the property located at 385 Passaic Avenue, Lodi which Motion was resolved by Consent on June 14, 2017.
- The debtor attended his required Chapter 13 341
   Meeting of Creditors and IDI which meeting was held and concluded.
- On June 25, 2017 the Application for Retention of Professional Michael J. Cavallaro was filed with order granting this retention on July 21, 2017.
- On August 15, 2017 Applications for both Realtor and Accountant were filed with Order granting these applications signed on August 30, 2017.

#### 2. Other Legal Proceedings

In addition to the proceedings discussed above, the Debtor is currently involved in the following non-bankruptcy legal proceedings: **N/A** 

#### 6. Actual and Projected Recovery of Preferential or Fraudulent Transfers

Debtor does not believe that there were any preferential or fraudulent transfers.

#### **4.Procedures Implemented to Resolve Financial Problems**

In an effort to remedy the problems that led to the bankruptcy filing, Debtor has implemented the following procedures: Debtors Monthly Operating Reports reflect that he has employment income, Rental Income, Business income and Pending sale proceeds sufficient to fund a Chapter 11 Plan.

#### 5. Current and Historical Financial Conditions.

The feasibility of the Plan of Reorganization is based on the income drawn from the Debtor's monthly rental income, employment income, Business income and Sale proceeds of real property.

#### III. SUMMARY OF THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

#### A. What Creditors and Interest Holders Will Receive Under the Proposed Plan

The Plan classifies claims and interests in various classes. The Plan states whether each class of claims or interests is impaired or unimpaired. The Plan provides the treatment each class will receive.

#### **B.** Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are not placed into voting classes. They are not considered impaired and they do not vote on the Plan because they are automatically entitled to specific treatment provided for them in the Bankruptcy Code. As such, the Proponent has not placed the following claims in a class:

#### 1. Administrative Expenses and Fees

Administrative expenses are claims for fees, costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's Chapter 11 case which are allowed under Code Section 507(a)(1), including all professional compensation requests pursuant to Sections 330 and 331 of the Code. The Code requires that all administrative expenses including fees payable to the Bankruptcy Court and the Office of the United States Trustee which were incurred during the pendency of the case must be paid on the Effective Date of the Plan, unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment.

The following chart lists all of the Debtor's unpaid administrative fees and expenses ("Compensation"), an estimate of future professional fees and other administrative claims and fees and their treatment under the Plans:

NAME ALL ESTIMATED	MOUNT	TREATMENT	TYPE OF CLAIM	
1. Michael Cavallaro, Esq.	\$25,000.00	Upon Entry of Order Administrative Claim Approving fees		
2. Clerk's Office Fees	\$0.00	Paid in full on Effective date		
3. Angelo Gallo, CPA	\$Unknown	Paid in full on Effective date		
4. Office of the United States Trustee Fees	\$ Unknown	Paid in full on Effective date		
TOTAL ESTIMATED:	\$ Unknown			

Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Court must rule on all professional compensation and expenses listed in this chart before the compensation and expenses will be allowed. The professional in question must file and serve a properly noticed fee application for compensation and reimbursement of expenses and the Court must rule on the application. Only the amount of compensation and reimbursement of expenses allowed by the Court will be owed and required to be paid under this Plan as an administrative claim.

Each professional person who asserts a further administrative claim that accrues before the confirmation date shall file with the Bankruptcy Court, and serve on all parties required to receive notice, an application for compensation and reimbursement of expenses no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of the Plan. Failure to file such an application timely shall result in the professional person's claim being forever barred and discharged. Each and every other person asserting an administrative claim shall be entitled to file a motion for allowance of the asserted administrative claim within ninety days of the Effective Date of the Plan, or such administrative claim shall be deemed forever barred and discharged. No motion or application is required to fix the fees payable to the Clerk's Office or Office of the United States Trustee. Such fees are determined by statute. As indicated above, the Debtor will need to pay administrative claims and fees on the Effective Date of the Plan unless a claimant has agreed to be paid later or the Court has not yet ruled on the claim.

#### 2. Priority Tax Claims

Priority tax claims are certain unsecured income, employment and other taxes described by Code Section 507(a)(8). The Code requires that each holder of such a Section 507(a)(8) priority tax claim receive the present value of such claim in deferred

cash payments, over a period not exceeding six years from the date of the assessment of such tax.

The following chart lists all of the Debtor's Section 507(a)(8) priority tax claims and their treatment under the Plan:

The Internal Revenue Service has a priority claim in the amount of \$589.70 which shall me paid by the debtor monthly at a rate of \$9.82. Payment shall be disbursed monthly not to exceed 60 months from date of case filing.

#### C. Classified Claims and Interests

#### 1. Classes of Secured Claims

Secured claims are claims secured by liens on property of the estate. The following chart lists all classes of creditors containing the holders of the Debtor's secured pre-petition and post-petition claims and their treatment under this Plan are as follows:

(Please note none of the secured creditors identified below are impaired or insiders.)

- 1. Ester Tufano has a First mortgage on the debtors' investment property located at 385 Passaic Street, Lodi, New Jersey which mortgage will continue to be paid direct and outside the plan by the debtor. The market value of said property at the time of the filing is \$500,000.00 with a balance due said lien holder of \$360,000.00. The Debtor has this property on the market to sale and his intent is to sale the property and use the equity to help fund the plan.
- 2. Ester Tufano has a First mortgage on the debtors' investment property located at 10 A Charles Street, Lodi, New Jersey which mortgage will continue

to be paid direct and outside the plan by the debtor. The market value of said property at the time of the filing is \$350,000.00 with a balance due said lien holder of \$198,000.00. The Debtor has this property on the market to sale and his intent is to sale the property and use the equity to help fund the plan

- 3. Nationstar has a first mortgage on the debtors' real property located at 878 River Rd., Elmwood, New Jersey with a principal balance owed at the time of filing of \$275,000.00. The market value of said property at the time of the filing is \$400,000.00 which the Debtors moves to attempt to modify this mortgage to allow for all pre and post mortgage arrearages to be restructured through the remaining life of the mortgage. If the Loan modification fails to be approved the debtor will propose a cure plan to be paid over the five years of the plan starting at confirmation.
- 4. Rushmore Loan Management has a first mortgage on the debtors' investment property located at 322 Sampson Avenue, Seaside Heights, NJ which pre-petition arrearage amount of \$40,000.00 shall be paid at a rate of 5.25% over sixty months for a monthly amount of \$760.00 per month. The debtor shall continue to maintain post-petition mortgage payments to said creditor.
- 5. Bank of America Home Loans has a First mortgage on the debtors' investment property located at 488 Dewey Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey which mortgage will continue to be paid direct and outside the plan by the debtor. The market value of said property at the time of the filing is \$400,000.00 with a balance due said lien holder of \$314000.00. The Debtor has this property on the market to sale and his intent is to sale the property and use the equity to help fund the plan. If property does not sale it will be surrendered back to the

mortgage holder.

#### 2. Classes of Priority Unsecured Claims

Certain priority claims that are referred to in Code Sections 507(a)(3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) are required to be placed in classes. These types of claims are entitled to priority treatment as follows: the Code requires that each holder of such a claim receive cash on the Effective Date equal to the allowed amount of such claim. However, a class of unsecured priority claim holders may vote to accept deferred cash payments of a value, as of the Effective Date, equal to the allowed amount of such claims. The following chart sets forth the priority unsecured claims and their treatment under this Plan:

#### 3. Class of General Unsecured Claims

General unsecured claims are uncollateralized claims not entitled to priority under Code Section 507(a). The following chart identifies this Plan's treatment of the class containing all of Debtor's general unsecured claims:

General Unsecured creditors who filed Valid Proofs of Claim shall be paid a 100% of the claim amount stated from the sale of Real estate.

Creditor	Balance	
1. Advanta Cardworks	\$5133.00	
2. Chase Card	\$9337.00	
3. Cavalry SPV	\$6876.08	
4. Discover Bank	\$10880.02	
5. Midland Funding	\$4527.27	
6. Internal Revenue Service	\$589.70	

#### 4. Class(es) of Interest Holders

Interest holders are the parties who hold ownership interest (i.e., equity interest) in the Debtor. If the Debtor is a corporation, entities holding preferred or common stock in

the Debtor are interest holders. If the Debtors are a partnership, the interest holders include both general and limited partners. If the Debtor is an individual, the Debtor is the interest holder.

The following chart identifies the Plan's treatment of the class of interest holders:

CLASS	DESCRIPTION		<b>IMPAIRED</b>	TREATMENT
			(Y/N)	
1.	Nicholas Pezza:	Y		100% Interest

#### D. Means of Effectuating the Plan

#### 1. Funding for the Plan

The Plan will be funded by Nicholas Pezza, the Debtor, by Continued Rental income, Employment Income, Business income and Sale proceeds.

#### 2. Post-confirmation Management

N/A

#### 3. Disbursing Agent

The Debtor, Nicholas Pezza, shall act as the disbursing agents for the purpose of making all distributions provided for under the Plan.

#### E. Other Provisions of the Plan

#### 1. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

The Plan provides that all Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases shall be deemed assumed. All proofs of claim with respect to claims arising from said rejection must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court within the earlier of (i) the date set forth for filing claims in any order of the Bankruptcy Court approving such rejection or (ii) thirty (30) days after the Confirmation Date. Any such claims, proofs of which are not

filed timely, will be barred forever from assertion.

#### 2. Changes in Rates Subject to Regulatory Commission Approval

N.A.

#### 3. Retention of Jurisdiction

The Court will retain jurisdiction as provided in the Plan.

#### 4. Procedures for Resolving Contested Claims.

The Debtor and/or the Disbursing Agent shall have 60 days subsequent to confirmation to object to the allowance of claims. The Proponent has reviewed the claims that have been filed. The Proponent does not anticipate at this time contesting any claims. However if the need arises where an Objection to Claim is necessary and the Court deems the claim withdrawn then the Debtor will have sixty (60) days after the entry of the Order Confirming the Plan to object to said claim.

#### 5. Effective Date

The Plan will become effective on the Effective Date which is thirty (30) days from the date of the Order of Confirmation.

#### 6. Modification

The Plan Proponent may alter, amend or modify the Plan at any time prior to the Confirmation Date and thereafter as provided in Section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### F. Tax Consequences of Plan

CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS CONCERNED WITH HOW THE PLAN MAY AFFECT THEIR TAX LIABILITY SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ACCOUNTANTS, ATTORNEYS, AND/OR ADVISORS. The following disclosure of possible tax consequences is intended solely for the purpose of alerting readers to

possible tax issues this Plan may present to the Debtor. The Proponent CANNOT and DO NOT represent that the tax consequences contained below are the only tax consequences of the Plan because the Tax Code embodies many complicated rules which make it difficult to state completely and accurately all the tax implications of any action. The following are the tax consequences that the Plan will have on the Debtors tax liability:

**NONE** 

#### **G. Risk Factors**

The following discussion is intended to be a non-exclusive summary of certain risks attendant upon the consummation of the Plan. You are encouraged to supplement this summary with your own analysis and evaluation of the Plan and Disclosure Statement, in their entirety, and in consultation with your own advisors. Based on the analysis of the risks summarized below, the Plan Proponent believes that the Plan is viable and will meet all requirements of confirmation:

#### IV. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

PERSONS OR ENTITIES CONCERNED WITH CONFIRMATION OF THIS

PLAN SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THE

LAW ON CONFIRMING A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION IS VERY COMPLEX. The

following discussion is intended solely for the purpose of alerting readers about basic

confirmation issues, which they may wish to consider, as well as certain deadlines for

filing claims.

The proponent CANNOT and DO NOT represent that the discussion contained below is a complete summary of the law on this topic. Many requirements must be met

before the Court can confirm a Plan. Some of the requirements include that the Plan must be proposed in good faith, that creditors or interest holders have accepted the Plan, that the Plan pays creditors at least as much as creditors would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation, and that the Plan is feasible. These requirements are not the only requirements for confirmation.

#### A. Who May Vote or Object

#### 1. Who May Object to Confirmation of the Plan

Any party in interest may object to the confirmation of the Plan, but as explained below not everyone is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 2. Who May Vote to Accept/Reject the Plan

A creditor or interest holder has a right to vote for or against the Plan if that creditor or interest holder has a claim that is both (1) allowed or allowed for voting purposes and (2) classified in an impaired class.

#### a. What Is an Allowed Claim/Interest

As noted above, a creditor or interest holder must first have an allowed claim or interest to have the right to vote. Generally, any proof of claim or interest will be allowed, unless a party in interest brings a motion objecting to the claim. When an objection to a claim or interest is filed, the creditor or interest holder holding the claim or interest cannot vote unless the Court, after notice and hearing, either overrules the objection or allows the claim or interest for voting purposes.

#### THE BAR DATE FOR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THIS CASE WAS

A creditor or interest holder may have an allowed claim or interest even if a proof of claim or interest was not timely filed. A claim is deemed allowed if (1) it is scheduled

on the Debtors schedules and such claim is not scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, and (2) no party in interest has objected to the claim. An interest is deemed allowed if it is scheduled and no party in interest has objected to the interest.

#### b. What Is an Impaired Claim/Interest

As noted above, an allowed claim or interest only has the right to vote if it is in a class that is impaired under the Plan. A class is impaired if the Plan alters the legal, equitable, or contractual rights of the members of that class. For example, a class comprised of general unsecured claims is impaired if the Plan fails to pay the members of that class 100% of their claim plus interest.

In this case, the Proponent believes that unsecured creditors as a class are non impaired. Parties who dispute the Proponents characterization of their claim or interest as being impaired or unimpaired may file an objection to the Plan contending that the Proponents has incorrectly characterized the class.

#### 3. Who Is Not Entitled to Vote

The following four types of claims are not entitled to vote: (1) claims that have been disallowed; (2) claims in unimpaired classes; (3) claims entitled to priority pursuant to Code Section 507(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(8)73; and (4) claims in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan. Claims in unimpaired classes are not entitled to vote because such classes are deemed to have accepted the Plan. Claims entitled to priority pursuant to Code Section 507(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(7) are not entitled to vote because such claims are not placed in classes and they are required to receive certain treatment specified by the Code. Claims in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan do not vote because such classes are deemed to have rejected the Plan. EVEN IF YOUR CLAIM IS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE, YOU MAY STILL HAVE A

#### RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

#### 4. Who Can Vote in More Than One Class

A creditor whose claim has been allowed in part as a secured claim and in part as an unsecured claim is entitled to accept or reject a Plan in both capacities by casting one ballot for the secured part of the claim and another ballot for the unsecured claim.

#### 5. Votes Necessary to Confirm the Plan

If impaired classes exist, the Court cannot confirm the Plan unless (1) at least one impaired class has accepted the Plan without counting the votes of any insiders within that class, and (2) all impaired classes have voted to accept the Plan, unless the Plan is eligible to be confirmed by "cram down" on non-accepting classes, as discussed later in Section (IV.A.8.).

#### 6. Votes Necessary for a Class to Accept the Plan

A class of claims is considered to have accepted the Plan when more than one-half (1/2) in number and at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the allowed claims that actually voted, voted in favor of the Plan. A class of interests is considered to have accepted the Plan when at least two thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed interest-holders of such class which actually voted, voted to accept the Plan.

#### 7. Treatment of Nonaccepting Classes

As noted above, even if all impaired classes do not accept the proposed Plan, the Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if the non-accepting classes are treated in the manner required by the Code. The process by which non accepting classes are forced to be bound by the terms of the Plan is commonly referred to as "cram down". The Code allows the Plan to be "crammed down" on non-accepting classes of claims or interests if it

meets all consensual requirements except the voting requirements of Section 1129(a)(8) and if the Plan does not "discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" toward each unpaired class that has not voted to accept the Plan as referred to in 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b) and applicable case law.

#### **8. Request for Confirmation Despite Non acceptance by Impaired** Class(es)

The party proposing this Plan asks the Court to confirm this Plan by cram down on the impaired class if any of this class does not vote to accept the Plan.

#### **B.** Liquidation Analysis

Another confirmation requirement is the "Best Interest Test", which requires a liquidation analysis. Under the Best Interest Test, if a claimant or interest holder is in an impaired class and that claimant or interest holder does not vote to accept the Plan, then that claimant or interest holder must receive or retain under the Plan property of a value not less than the amount that such holder would receive or retain if the Debtors were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In a Chapter 7 case, the Debtor's nonexempt assets are usually sold by a Chapter 7 Trustee. Secured creditors are paid first from the proceeds of the sale of any properties on which the secured creditor has a lien. Administrative claims are paid next. Next, unsecured creditors are paid from any remaining proceeds, according to their rights to priority. Unsecured creditors with the same priority share in proportion to the amount of their allowed claims. Finally, interest holders receive the balance that remains after all creditors are paid, if any.

In order for the Court to be able to confirm this Plan, the Court must find that all creditors and interest holders who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such holders would receive under a Chapter 7 liquidation. The Plan Proponents maintain that this requirement is met here for the following reasons:

The value of the asset or real property exceeds the amount owed to lien holder and all estimated debts owed for administrative claims.

Below is a demonstration, in balance sheet format, that all creditors and interest holders will receive at least as much under the Plan as such creditor or interest holder would receive under a Chapter 7 liquidation:

#### **Assets**

Real Property \$1,800,000.00 Minus secured debt: \$1,319,000.00

Any exemption \$ Homestead per code Costs of sale \$ 180,000.00 Net equity \$ 301,000.00 Personal Property Assets \$ 0.00 Total assets \$301,000.00

#### Liabilities

Priority Claims: \$589.70 Chapter 7 administrative expenses \$ unknown Chapter 11 administrative expenses \$ unknown Other priority claims \$ unknown Total priority claims \$ unknown Amount available for unsecured claims \$36753.35

Total unsecured claims (estimated) \$473,877.85 Estimated dividend in Chapter 7 \$0.00

#### C. Feasibility

Another requirement for confirmation involves the feasibility of the Plan, which means that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor under the Plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

There are at least two important aspects of a feasibility analysis. The first aspect

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considers whether the Debtor will have enough cash on hand on the Effective Date of the Plan to pay all the claims and expenses that are entitled to be paid on such date. The Plan Proponent maintains that this aspect of feasibility is satisfied as illustrated here: The Plan will be funded by the Debtors continued Employment Income, Rental Income and real property sale.

To Pay: Administrative claims amount at present of which amount is unknown.

To Pay: Statutory costs & charges N/A

To Pay: Other Plan Payments due on Effective Date shall be determined at the confirmation of the Plan. Balance after paying these amounts should be \$0.00 except for the regular monthly post-petition payments that shall be paid in accordance to the terms stated in the Secured Claims section of this Disclosure Statement. The sources of the cash Debtor will have on hand by the Effective Date, as shown above are derived from the continued employment income, Rental Income, Business income and Real property sales.

The second aspect considers whether the Proponent will have enough cash over the life of the Plan to make the required Plan payments. The Proponent believe that this second aspect of the feasibility requirement is met as reflected in the Debtors monthly operating reports.

The Plan Proponent contends that Debtor's financial projections are feasible in light of the financial records maintained by the Debtor prior to and during the pendency of the bankruptcy case. The Debtor, prior to the filing of this bankruptcy case, owned several investment properties which with the decline of the real estate market caused the debtor to fall behind with required mortgage and budget payments.

Debtors has implemented procedures to reduce their monthly overhead costs and has projected their financial future for the next three years as follows: After the sale

proceeds of all real properties are received by the debtor and placed into Attorney for Debtors trust they will upon confirmation or thereafter of the plan be disbursed to unsecured creditors to then debtors will propose to close the case.

In summary, the Plan proposes to pay secured creditors each month in accordance with the plan, Debtors paying expenses and post confirmation taxes for the life of the Plan. The Final Plan payment is expected to be paid within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the Chapter 11 plan.

Accordingly, the Plan Proponent believes, on the basis of the foregoing, that the Plan is feasible.

#### V. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

#### A. Discharge

The Plan provides that upon confirmation of the Plan, the Debtor shall be discharged of liability for payment of debts incurred before confirmation of the Plan, to the extent specified in 11 U.S.C. §1141. However, any liability imposed by the Plan will not be discharged. If Confirmation of the Plan does not occur or if, after Confirmation occurs, the Debtor elects to terminate the Plan, the Plan shall be deemed null and void. In such event, nothing contained in the Plan shall be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any claims against the Debtor or its estate or any other persons, or to prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor or its estate or any person in any further proceeding involving the Debtor or its estate. The provisions of the Plan shall be binding upon Debtor, all Creditors and all Equity Interest Holders, regardless of whether such Claims or Equity Interest holders are impaired or whether such parties accept the Plan, upon Confirmation thereof.

#### **B.** Revesting of Property in the Debtor

Except as provided in the Plan, the confirmation of the Plan revests all of the property of the estate in the Debtor.

#### C. Modification of Plan

The Proponent may modify the Plan at any time before confirmation. However, the Court may require a new disclosure statement and/or revoting on the Plan if proponents modify the Plan before confirmation. The Proponent may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation so long as (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated and (2) the Court authorizes the proposed modification after notice and a hearing. Proponent further reserve the rights to modify the treatment of any Allowed Claims at any time after the Effective Date of the Plan upon the consent of the creditor whose Allowed Claim treatment is being modified, so long as no other creditors are materially adversely affected.

#### **D. Post-Confirmation Conversion/Dismissal**

A creditor or party in interest may bring a motion to convert or dismiss the case under Section 1112(b), after the Plan is confirmed, if there is a default in performance of the Plan or if cause exists under Section 1112(b). If the Court orders the case converted to Chapter 7 after the Plan is confirmed, then all property that had been property of the Chapter 11 estate, and that has not been disbursed pursuant to the Plan, will revest in the Chapter 7 estate, and the automatic stay will be re-imposed upon the revested property only to the extent that relief from stay was not previously granted by the Court during this case.

Quarterly fees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) continue to be payable to the Office of The United States Trustee post-confirmation until such time as the case is converted, dismissed, or closed pursuant to a final decree.

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